

## **Mitchell J Notaras Fellowship in Colorectal Surgery**

### **Terms and Conditions**

The Mitchell J Notaras Fellowship in Colorectal Surgery was established in 2003 following a generous donation to the University of Sydney by Dr Mitchell J Notaras, a colorectal surgeon and graduate of the University. The Fellowship is awarded by the University in cooperation with the Training Board of Colorectal Surgery of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australasia to support clinical training in colorectal surgery both in Australia and in international colorectal units as well as offering training in colorectal research. The Fellowship is offered under the following conditions:

1. The Fellowship is advertised every two years through the Training Board in Colorectal Surgery.
2. Applicants must have been accepted into the provisional or post fellowship colorectal training program of the Training Board in Colon and Rectal Surgery of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australasia and the RACS and must indicate in the application for the training program whether they also wish to be considered for appointment as the Notaras Fellow.
3. The Training Board submits a shortlist of ranked suitable applicants to a University of Sydney Notaras Colorectal Fellowship Committee appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. This Committee may award or not award the Notaras Colorectal Fellowship with or without further interview.
4. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in colorectal research and a future direction in academic colorectal surgery as well as a desire to obtain further training overseas.
5. Acceptance of the Fellowship is dependent on the applicant enrolling in an appropriate higher degree in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney.
6. The Fellowship is tenable for three years. The sequence of years may be varied from Fellow to Fellow:

#### **Year 1**

The Notaras Fellow will spend the first year based at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Colorectal Research Department and The Surgical Outcomes Research Centre (SouRCe) and be enrolled full-time in a higher degree in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney. Funding for Year 1 will be a \$50,000 postgraduate scholarship paid to the Notaras Fellow through the University of Sydney as a tax-exempt stipend. A contribution of \$20,000 will also be made available to SouRCe to support the work of the Notaras Fellow.

#### **Year 2**

In Year 2 the Notaras Fellow will be appointed to a position at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital as Training Board clinical fellow. This position is fully funded by Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

#### **Year 3**

The Notaras Fellow will spend Year 3 in an internationally recognised academic colorectal surgical unit in a position funded by the surgical unit involved, with a contribution of \$25,000 from the Notaras Colorectal Fellowship to support the work of the Notaras Fellow. A \$10,000 travel grant will be paid to the Notaras Fellow.

7. All publications arising from research conducted with the assistance of the Notaras Colorectal Award must include suitable acknowledgement of the University of Sydney and the Mitchell J Notaras Fellowship in Colorectal Surgery.